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TO: All Medicaid Providers (Excluding Individual Consumer Directed Attendant Care, Waiver and Dental)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: ICD-10 Implementation – Excludes1 Note ICD-10 Editing

EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2015

Effective with the ICD-10 implementation, the IME will be implementing an informational edit to identify codes that should not be used in conjunction with the code listed above the Excludes1 Note as seen in the ICD-10-CM diagnosis coding book(s). The World Health Organization (WHO) and National Center for Healthcare Statistics (NCHS) have identified ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes (via the Excludes1 Note) that should never be used at the same time as the code above the Excludes1 Note. An Excludes1 Note is used when two conditions cannot occur together, such as a congenital form versus an acquired form of the same condition. A new process will be put in place to identify these diagnosis codes and if an Excludes1 Note applies, an informational edit will be posted on the claim.

EXAMPLE – K63.1 (NONTRAUMATIC PERFORATION OF INTESTINE) AND K57.0 (DIVERTICULITIS OF SMALL INTESTINE WITH PERFORATION AND ABSCESS) SHOULD NOT BE USED TOGETHER NOR SHOULD M54.5 (LOW BACK PAIN) AND M51.24 (OTHER INTERVERTEBRAL DISC DISPLACEMENT, THORACIC REGION)

NOTE – Though a similar Excludes1 Note coding convention was present with ICD-9, we are now implementing this guideline in the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) with the ICD-10 implementation. This will result in new MMIS informational editing and may impact payment at a later date.

If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609, or by email at ICD-10project@dhs.state.ia.us.